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CANDLELIGHT DINNER PLANNED FEB. 27; SPEAKER TO DISCLOSE NEW DISCOVERIES IN "REPORT ON INDEPENDENCE HALL"

The outstanding event of the Society's calendar each year is the annual Candlelight Dinner held in conjunction with our February meeting. This year we are fortunate to have as our speaker Mr. Lee Nelson of the National Park Service and Project Supervisor for the rehabilitation of Independence Hall, who brings us about as stimulating a talk as any antiquarian in Delaware Valley could wish.

Mr. Nelson has modestly titled his talk an illustrated "Report on Independence Hall." We will be treated to history-making new information on the many discoveries recently made in rehabilitating America's most historic building. These discoveries involve the structural investigation that has been carried on under the auspices of the National Park Service, and an architectural study of the woodwork and decoration. The goal of the work of the N. P. S. is to restore Independence Hall to its original architecture and decoration as well as to structurally rehabilitate the building which has suffered from many alterations in the past.

Mr. Nelson reports that the many new discoveries made upset long-accepted ideas about the Hall.

NEXT MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, February 27

TIME: Dinner, 6:30 P. M.

**PLACE: Friends Meeting House
Annex, Lake Street**

This important talk, illustrated by excellent slides, is a preview of a television program on the subject just filmed by NBC.

Our speaker is a noted authority in the field of historic restorations. Prior to his present project he headed the architectural research project at Fort McHenry, Baltimore, Md. and was the architect for the restoration of two 18th century houses in Yorktown, Va.

Mr. Nelson assisted in the Historic American Building Survey compiled and published by the National Park Service.

Reservations for the Candlelight Dinner must be received by February 23. The cost is \$2.75 (a delicious roast chicken dinner!) and all checks for reservations should be made payable to

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CANDLELIGHT DINNER

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the Society and mailed to Mrs. Richard Hammond, 50 Hinchman Ave., Haddonfield. No tickets will be mailed; reservations will be listed at the door. Vice-President Richard Hammond will be toastmaster. Since the dinner is limited to 125, early reservations are urged.

If you cannot attend the dinner, plan to hear the speaker at 8 P. M.

SOCIETY'S EDUCATIONAL AID GIVEN TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

Haddonfield's school children are already availing themselves of the Society's active educational program. In a report by Nancy Hart, (Mrs. David Hart), Chairman of the Education Committee, more is being done in this direction than ever before and is pointing the way to additional opportunities for the Society to become an educational arm of the community.

Mr. Donald Hart, principal of the Junior School, has made arrangements for fifth grade teachers to bring their individual classes to the Headquarters, each group accompanied by parents. Mrs. Hart has prepared a short account of early settlers and a map to give to the school children.

The Society has been requested to lend material for the Junior Class early this year. The class is assigned to writing essays on "Growth of Haddonfield during the Revolutionary Period," "Events of the Revolution pertaining to Haddonfield," "Origin of Haddonfield." The essays are to be submitted in the competition for the D. A. R. award.

Mrs. Hart also reports the addition of three books to the Society's shelf in the Children's Room of the Haddonfield Public Library. The books were contributed by the Questors, Indian King, Cooper Creek and Hugh Creighton Chapters.

SOCIETY SPONSORS TWO

ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

Participation in the winter-spring curriculum of the Haddonfield Adult School was an important step forward in the Society's program of bringing educational facilities to the entire community. The Society is cooperating in two courses—"Civil War in Perspective" (Lincoln Studies), moderated by Mr. Robert Garrett, Thursdays, 8-9:30 p. m. and "American Antiques—Decorative Arts," Thursdays, 1-2:30 p. m. Both courses are being held at Greenfield Hall. A percentage of the tuition for these courses is paid to the Society.

GREENFIELD HALL GARDEN OPEN ON MAY 6th GARDEN TOUR

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society will sponsor a Haddonfield Garden Visit on Sunday, May 6. Eight gardens and homes will be opened. Society headquarters, Greenfield Hall and its boxwood garden, will also be open from 1:00 to 5:00 p. m. on that day.

Our president, Mrs. Louis H. Goettelmann, was asked by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's director, Mr. Carlton Lees, to help him set up this tour. She is co-chairman with Mrs. Andrew M. Baird, working with Mr. Joseph B. Townsend, Jr., the chairman of Garden Visits Committee for the Horticultural Society. Mrs. Goettelmann stated that "with over a thousand of their six thousand membership residing in New Jersey, this will be the first time New Jersey gardens will be open by them."

DUES PAID? PLEASE!

If you have not already sent in your dues, won't you please do so today? All membership fees are due on October 15. Your cooperation in prompt payment of dues helps the Society to obtain interesting speakers, maintain a fine headquarters building and develop programs for the enrichment of all members. Thank you!

LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORTS PROGRESS IN CATALOGUING

An important addition to the reference value of the Society's Library is now underway. Mrs. Gertrude Hess, Librarian, is in charge of cataloguing the material which has not already been catalogued. She also plans to make a complete inventory.

Mrs. Elizabeth Danenhower is doing the same for the Rhoads Collection. Besides many books, there are papers, documents, and manuscripts referring to Haddonfield, Newton Township, etc., which, reports Mrs. Danenhower, "are closer to Haddonfield history than some of the books."

"LABOR OF LOVE" A SUCCESS IN SOCIETY'S WORK DAY PLAN

Numerous odd jobs from cleaning windows to trimming vines vanished in the enthusiasm and elbow grease of a group of members who turned up for "Assignment: Work Day" at Greenfield Hall on December 2. Many members helped, some for the entire morning and many stayed until late in the afternoon. Achievements: storm sash hung, sticking windows eased, windows cleaned, entire building vacuum cleaned and dusted, vines trimmed and some pruning done, a letter slot installed in the library entrance door, exterior brick walks cleaned. By "popular demand" there will be a "repeat" of this Work Day every Spring and Fall.

GIFTS, LOANS AID BUILDING; ORIENTAL HALL RUGS NEEDED

The Society and its officers wish to express deep appreciation to the many members who contributed gifts and loans. These have greatly enhanced the appearance of and interest in Greenfield Hall. A pressing need for the beautification of our spacious first floor hall is the addition of two Oriental rugs. For the center hall in front of the lovely stairs the size should not exceed 7 x 11 ft. For the rear area along the stairs a size no larger than 4 x 6 ft. Suggested color is a predominance of gold.

ACQUISITIONS AND DONATIONS

The Acting Curator, Mrs. Theodore Brigham, received a gift of one Victorian Crib and mattress from Mr. Paul S. Lippincott, Jr.

Mr. John W. Danenhower donated a copy of the First Camden National Bank & Trust Co. "Story of a Bank and Community," 1812-1962, being issued on the occasion of their 150 years of existence. Many historical items and facts of Camden, Haddonfield, and other parts of South Jersey are listed. This copy will be placed in the Society's library.

BACK BULLETINS AVAILABLE

New members and those who wish to complete their file of Historical Society Bulletins may obtain back copies, as long as they last, by sending their request and 25c. per Bulletin to the Bulletin Editor, Mrs. James G. Aiken, 120 Warwick Road, Haddonfield.

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SOCIETY MOVES TO PRESERVE EARLY HOUSE IN HADDONFIELD

The little hip roof house on Ellis Street, one of the oldest in Haddonfield, built in 1742, has been "adopted" for preservation by the Society. Mr. and Mrs. John Dalton have been appointed to head the Steering Committee to proceed with the project.

This home was originally that of Sarah Hopkins, widow of Ebenezer Hopkins. It was moved about 1836 from 227 or 229 King's Highway East to its present location.

HOW TO JOIN THE HADDONFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Check the classification you wish and mail with your check or money order and your name and address to the chairman of the membership committee, Mrs. Wm. E. Moody, 841 Edge Park Drive E., Haddonfield.

Contributing Membership:

\$25.00 per couple per year

\$25.00 per individual per year

Sustaining Membership:

\$10.00 per couple per year

Single Membership: \$5.00 per year

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(Mrs. Ruth Dalton has been appointed to fill the one year vacancy of Wilder Marsh, who resigned from the Board of Trustees.)